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LANDLADY AND TENANT

QUESTION OF SURRENDER OF CONTRACT

100 YEARS OLD DECISION

To-day a claim for \$302, being the balance of rent alleged to be due under an agreement for No. 1, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, against Mr. Jas. T. Dobbie, heard in the Summary Court to-day before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) failed by reason of the plaintiff, Mrs. Marjery P. S. Lee, No. 290, Elgin Street, failing to fulfil a legal requirement. His Lordship delivered an interesting judgment in favour of the defendant, quoting a decision made so long ago as 1826.

The Evidence

Plaintiff stated that she was the owner of the house and entered into a tenancy agreement with Mr. Dobbie for a period of not less than one year which commenced on May 1, 1928. Mr. Dobbie moved out at the end of September, 1928. The house was occupied by three other tenants in October, November, December, March and April, respectively but was vacant during January and February, 1929. She claimed \$125 rent for January and February, and \$50 in respect of March and April during which two months tenants paid only \$100 a month, plus \$2 for advertising the house.

Replying to Mr. Dobbie, plaintiff said she did not agree that the tenancy agreement was cancelled by mutual consent. She did not ask him to leave. She got a tenant and so, she agreed, there was no need to ask him to leave.

A Speculative Query

Replying to his Lordship, plaintiff asserted that if subsequent tenants had paid \$150 rent, she would have given back the extra \$25 to Mr. Dobbie.

His Lordship:—You did not tell him so, you know?—When they asked me the rent of the house I always told them \$125.

Giving evidence, Mr. Dobbie stated that he received a letter from plaintiff dated August 28, 1928, in which she said that she would hold him responsible for all losses and cost of advertisements. It was mutually agreed that he should leave at the end of September, and in fact she got a new tenant then herself. She assumed full responsibility for finding new tenants.

The Judgment

Giving judgment his Lordship said the plaintiff held Mr. Dobbie to his contract and had sued upon it. The first question to be decided was whether the contract was rescinded by mutual consent or not. Mr. Dobbie claimed that it was so rescinded at the end of September, 1928, but plaintiff never intended to give up her rights under the contract.

Mr. Dobbie had said that she urged him to leave at the end of September, 1928, and his Lordship remarked, he expected that she did so but that her object in doing so was to reduce losses as far as possible. Mr. Dobbie had suggested that she had not acted with entire propriety because she did not let the house during January and February, 1929, at a rent below the market rent. His Lordship did not think there was any obligation on plaintiff to take any step of that kind.

Surrender of Contract

His Lordship added that he had had time to look up the authorities and he had come to the conclusion that the authorities were not on plaintiff's side. The law stated that if, after a tenant has quitted the premises, the landlord re-let them to another tenant who went into occupation, that would effect a surrender of the contract from the time of the re-letting, unless the landlord gave notice to the tenant that she could succeed and she had not fulfilled that condition. She had admitted a new tenant and she had admitted that new tenant on her own account. That being so she had excluded her previous tenant and had accepted surrender of the contract for tenancy by her own conduct by process of law.

Remarking he thought that was a right decision on the facts, his Lordship said that judgment must therefore be given for the defendant.

Condition Not Fulfilled

Mr. Dobbie:—No, your Lordship. His Lordship:—Judgment with costs.

AWAITING HIGHER SALARIES

COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS IN ABEYANCE?

WORKING ON OLD FIGURES

The China Mail understands that, so far, no communication has been made by the Colonial Secretariat to the other Government Departments in connection with the recommendations of the Salaries Commission.

Rumours were current last year that the findings of the Commission, which comprised the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.), the Hon. Sir Shou-son 'Chow and Mr. Paul Lauder, would be given effect to this month.

Proposals Recalled

Broadly, the sum total of the recommendations is that some of the lower grades (such as the subordinate staff) were deemed to deserve increases of about 20 per cent. There were other changes and, it is learned, one body of European officers whose services might be classified under "technical," made representations to the Government. The view taken in this respect was that one might receive less salary than hitherto but that one would benefit on the other hand, while on long leave in the Old Country. It was pointed out that such leave usually comes once in about five years and that the advantages to be gained there might not outweigh the "disadvantage" (if it were such) extending over the longer period of work.

Nevertheless it was felt on many hands that new scales would be in force for 1930. In some departments, where there are large numbers of employees whose individual remuneration varies, it is necessary to commence work on the pay sheet early each month. In one such it is proposed to work on the figures heretofore existing and—if a circular is issued about salaries—to make up supplementary pay sheets, because it is impracticable to defer the work until the last moment while hoping that the good tidings will come before pay day this month.

PEER'S HEIR KILLED IN 'PLANE CRASH

YOUNG AIRMAN'S ATTEMPT TO FLY FROM AUSTRALIA

A BRILLIANT JOCKEY

Rugby, Yesterday. Captain Hugh Grosvenor, Aide de Camp to Sir Alexander Hore Rutherford, Governor of South Australia, has been killed in a seaplane accident in Australia. He was the only son and heir of Lord Stalbridge. With two companions, Flight-Lieutenant Briggs and Leading Aircraftman Ewen, he was preparing for a flight from Australia to England. The seaplane crashed from a height of 400 feet into the sea at Port Phillip Bay in Victoria. The wreckage of the seaplane was located in 50 feet of water, but none of the bodies has yet been recovered.

Captain Grosvenor, who was only 25 years of age, was a brilliant amateur jockey. He rode much in steeplechases before he left England for Australia and twice competed in the Grand National. He took up flying after he arrived in Australia in 1928, bought a D.H. Moth plane, and last summer flew round Australia, a distance of 8,000 miles, in 31 days. He attempted to fly to England and was on the point of doing so when he was killed. He was a member of the Royal Air Force and was a member of the British Empire League.

His Lordship (to Mr. Dobbie):—There are no costs.

Mr. Dobbie:—No, your Lordship. His Lordship:—Judgment with costs.

TRIED TO GET MONEY BY FALSE CHOP

DEFENDANT TOLD HE IS TOO OLD FOR A BEATING

SUSPICIOUS STUDENT

That the only thing available under the Criminal Law was a plea of Guilty, was the comment made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in connection with the case in which a Chinese, 21 years of age, was charged with obtaining, by false letters and a chop, \$60 from Li Pak-wing, a student of the Kowloon College.

Detective Inspector A. J. W. Dorrington prosecuted for the police.

The False Letter

The student gave evidence to the effect that on December 31, 1929, the defendant called at the Kowloon College, and handed the complainant a letter, and in doing so remarked that it had been given to him by the student's elder brother.

On opening the letter, the complainant read that it purported to be a request from his father to give the defendant (bearer) the sum of money mentioned therein. Suspicion however, overcame him, and he found out that the chop used was not that of his brother's, but was a false one.

Sale of Pigs

The witness said that the letter mentioned something about the sale of two pigs to his father by the defendant's mother, which he knew was untrue.

Witness, continuing, said that his father was in the country, and that when he received the letter his elder brother was also in the country.

Questioned by Inspector Dorrington as to what aroused his suspicion, apart from the writing, witness replied that the chop was a false one, and that he knew his brother's chop.

Asked if he had anything to say to the defendant answered: This letter was given to me by your brother. His Worship: Did the brother tell you to go with the letter and get \$60?

Defendant: Yes, the brother told me to take the letter to him (witness) and to get the \$60 from him.

Next witness for the prosecution was Li Pak-tim, the elder brother, who is a shop keeper in Tai Ping, Chinese Territory.

This witness denied having given the letter to the defendant and said that he did not know him, but well. Witness proved that the chop on the letter purported to be the characters of the shop "Hin Wo." The difference was that that chop had no surrounding, but the genuine one had a flowery bordering. The defendant had never come to him and told him that he was hard up. He knew nothing about the sale of pigs.

Previous Conviction

The Magistrate convicted the man. Inspector Dorrington stated that he had a previous conviction, when he received eight days for trespassing in 1929.

His Worship: Well, of course, this is a thing that amounts to forgery and therefore the penalty is heavier. \$100 or two months' hard labour.

The defendant: Can I have a beating instead of going to jail?

Inspector Dorrington (interposing): He is a wise villain.

His Lordship: No, you are too old for a beating.

Detective Inspector Dorrington added that the defendant had been thrown out of the house by his father before.

PICKPOCKET JAILED

A Chinese, described as an ex-banisher who had been back in the Colony for about a year, was to-day charged by Sub-Inspector McWalter, before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, with picking the pocket of a compatriot in Queen's Road Central and stealing \$50 in notes. The accused admitted the offence.

The Inspector told the Magistrate that accused got the money by putting his hand in complainant's breast pocket under the cover of his hat. Luckily for complainant, he felt a slight pull and immediately seized the accused. The latter promptly dropped the notes and when picked up (after accused was handed over to a constable) only \$38 was recovered.

The Magistrate passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

BULGARIA'S PLEA OF LOSS OF DIAMONDS IN 1922

POVERTY

UNABLE TO BEAR THE HEAVY REPARATIONS

NEW SCHEME CONSIDERED

The Hague, Yesterday. The Committee of Non-German Reparations is progressing very slowly. Bulgaria, like Austria, has pleaded that through poverty she is unable to bear the heavy reparations. The Drafting Committee is examining an alternative scheme for Bulgaria. The German Reparations Committee is progressing satisfactorily, and has discussed whether Germany should remit payments at the end or the middle of the month. Germany is considering the point important because she will lose 4,500,000 gold marks annually in interest if the payments are made in the middle of the month.

The discussion in regard to the sanctions in case of Germany's default, is continuing.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Hankow, To-day. A conference between Yen Hsi-shan, Ho Cheng-chun and other Nanking Generals reached a decision, to attack from Chengchow in the near future with the object of subjugating Tang Seng-chi.

It is reported that the rebels' lines of communication are cut at Chumai and they are retreating to Junan their morale being destroyed.—Reuter.

NOT THE COLDEST

Lowest Temperature To-day

To-day is not the coldest this winter. The lowest temperature recorded was 48.6 degrees at 7 a.m. In Christmas week the thermometer fell to below 45 on two consecutive days.

The 48.6 is the official reading at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon. There are, of course, "other readings," which are governed by the position of the instrument. A re-

OVERCAST

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly. It remains central to the North of the Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, clearing later.

Temperature and Humidity. The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this forenoon were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	50	70
Macao	43	76
Manila	72	89
Amoy	48	78
Swatow	47	86
Chefoo	24	100
Pratas Island	66	79
Shanghai	25	62

ident of the New Territories speaks of having noticed particles of ice in some standing water in his grounds this morning but nobody claims to have seen any snow. Passengers who came down from Canton last night, however, profess to have seen snow along the White Cloud Mountains which skirt the north of Canton city.

Snow in Wai-chow

Canton, Yesterday. According to a report, snow fell in Wai-chow on the morning of January 4 and 5. Not for many years has Wai-chow experienced such weather as this. Even peanut oil was frozen, the temperature falling below 40°. The village people were, however, overjoyed at the sight of the snow fall, thinking it to be a good omen for a prosperous year.

[Note: Wai-chow, on the East River of Kwangtung, is about 80 miles N.E. of Hong Kong, or about 70 miles E. of Canton.] Due to the severe cold in the East River, the prices of fish have fallen considerably. Large numbers of fish have been frozen to death in the breeding ponds and the East River breeders have simply scooped the fish up and sold them at as low as 7 1/2 cents per lb.—Canton News Agency.

ROME GUARDED FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVING BY EUROPEAN

ROYAL WEDDING

ALL FLYING STOPPED AND VISITORS TO CITY SEARCHED

DUKE OF YORK'S BAG

Rome, Yesterday. Three Kings—of Italy, of the Belgians, and of Bulgaria, the Crown Prince of Italy, the Duke of York and other Princes and Princesses from all over Europe, gathered for Princess Marie Jose's wedding, motored to the King's hunting lodge at Castle Porziano in brilliant sunshine for a day's shooting. Most of the sportsmen made good bags of wild boar, deer and hare. The Duke of York had a particularly fine bag.

The City was flooded with light every night, and the great fountains were illuminated. The street lighting was increased fourfold by multi-coloured searchlights adorning the trees and avenues near the Quirinal. The most stringent precautions against an outbreak during the Royal wedding festivities have been taken. All flying over Italy has been stopped, lest bombs are dropped from the air. All people in motor cars arriving in Rome are thoroughly searched and all luggage closely examined.—Reuter.

A Brilliant Scene

Rome, Later. The most brilliant ceremony so far in connection with the Royal wedding was held at the Quirinal Palace, where their Majesties gave a reception to the Royal visitors, diplomats, courtiers, high State officials, members of the Cabinet, Fascist grand councilors, and representatives of the Services, arts and sciences, the scene providing one of the greatest displays of gorgeous uniforms, wonderful dresses, and priceless jewellery ever seen at the Palace.

Represents The King

Rugby, Yesterday. The Duke of York, who will represent the King at the wedding, arrived in Rome last night, accompanied by Admiral Brooke. The Duke was met at the station by the Duke of Spoleto, and by Sir Ronald Graham, British Ambassador to the Quirinal, and the entire staff of the British Embassy.

After greetings had been exchanged, where he will stay during his short visit to Rome. To-day, together with other Royal guests, the Duke was out shooting near Ostia, and to-night he will attend a reception in the Quirinal given to the Royalities, the Court, and the Diplomatic Corps.—British Wireless Service.

HIGH SPEED PLANES FOR AIR FORCE

SUPERIOR IN PERFORMANCE TO MACHINES MADE ABROAD

SCHNEIDER CUP LESSONS

Rugby, Yesterday. New service machines of high flying speed have been introduced to-day into the Royal Air Force. They are the direct result of experience gained in the Schneider trophy competition. It is declared that they justify the risks and large expenditure involved in those competitions.

The engines used in the British machines which broke the world's speed record in the contest over the Solent last year, and the streamline designs that were adopted for these machines, have been incorporated in new fighting machines with noteworthy success.

In 1925, America gained the world's record at what was then regarded as a phenomenal speed of 177 miles per hour. For some time past the British Royal Air Force has had in service Bristol Bulldog machines with speed in excess of this—machines that are not mere racers, but carry a full equipment. The machines now being put into service mark a further advance and are claimed to be easily superior in performance to machines produced abroad.—British Wireless Service.

NOT WANTED HERE

"We don't want people like you coming back again. You must know that."

Thus remarked Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese named Chan Fok, was charged with disobeying his deportation order of 10 years from October, 1928.

The Magistrate pointed out that the reason why the defendant was banished in 1928 was because he committed highway robbery. The defendant was sent to jail for eight months with hard labour and ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch.

MR. SAMPLE AND 'DEVIL'S OWN LUCK'

EVIDENCE AMAZING

This morning Mr. E. W. Hamilton gave his decision in the traffic case in which Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Victoria Jail, summoned Mr. E. F. R. Sample for negligent driving by passing, on a bend, on Stubbs Road a car driven by Mr. Clark of the P.W.D., in which were Mrs. Clark, Mr. Franks and Mr. Harris of the P. & O.

His Worship read his judgment as follows:—

This case is purely one of fact. Mr. Clark, the driver of the complainant's car—if I may so term it—gave his evidence in a very clear fashion. It is summed up in exhibit "A" (one of the sketches of the locality produced in the case). He was entirely unshaken by cross-examination. The other three witnesses gave their evidence quite clearly and corroborated him. Mr. Franks in his independent sketch (produced as exhibit B) was singularly convincing.

It has been given by an "expert" (his Worship was referring to Mr. Laurensen), that people in the back of the car are handicapped. The expert is a gentleman who habitually drives a car—his connection with selling or repairing cars does not count—and I doubt if he is more expert than I who never drive but habitually sit in the back seat of other cars. Had it been a question of a few yards—might have gone into this more deeply, but the defendant's evidence rules this out. The witnesses in the back seat corroborated Mr. Clark entirely.

The defendant's evidence—after the cross-examination by his solicitor (Mr. M. K. Lo)—amazed me. It does not in any way correspond with the facts given by the prosecution and, I hope, referred to a separate incident.

Crux of the Situation

It at once became apparent that the Austin 7 was the crux of the situation. The evidence of the prosecution varies on the passing between "at once and hundred yards." Mr. Clark admitted to 200 under pressure. Mr. Lo laboured this point. But Mr. Sample placed the passing below "Bergaloon"—from a half to one mile distant. He denies the possibility of another Austin 7.

In reply to me, he recognised the incongruity of his story with the prosecution's story and deliberately suggested that these four witnesses had conspired to give false evidence because he had annoyed Mr. Clark previously by passing. This is utter nonsense, but affords a curious sidelight on the mentality of the defendant.

Negligence Found

I must therefore accept entirely the evidence of the prosecution and I find that Mr. Sample passed Mr. Clark's car on a blind corner and, further, that in so doing he swung the tail of his car dangerously near the front of Mr. Clark's car. This, I find, amounts to negligent driving—I would go further and say dangerous driving.

I have two remarks further to make. Mr. Sample had told us that he left Dr. Heanley's house at 7.25 p.m., and in about half an hour, not more, was near Gough Hill corner. He came through the control area in Bonham and Caine Roads and after, through Queen's Road East. I find myself agreeing with a modified form of Mr. Clark's remark about his luck. (Mr. Clark in his evidence had referred to Mr. Sample's long immunity from accidents as being "the devil's own luck").

Preoccupied?

Mr. Sample in this case either is not telling the truth or he drives in such a preoccupied way that he is unaware of what cars he passes. I trust I may believe the second alternative. I hope he will be more careful in future.

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Receipt of 21,000 from Russia during the general textile strike in Madras was admitted by one of the accused in the Meerut conspiracy case, who said he gave the money to the Joint Strike Committee.

Forty people were buried under the debris of two three-story houses which collapsed suddenly at Marseilles. Eleven bodies have been recovered and several persons are missing.

the public for increased support on Poppy Day.

Practically every waiter wore medals, and there was more than one unofficial rumour between men who were guests and the men who waited on them. Among the guests there was little talk of their fighting days. It was a meeting of men who know what war means, and put it on one side as something not to be talked about at dinner time.

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HAWAII MARU... Tuesday, 7th January.
JAPAN MARU... Friday, 17th January.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.
BOZAN MARU... Sunday, 13th January, Noon.
CANTON MARU... Sunday, 13th January, Noon.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
SODERBY MARU... Thursday, 25th January.

SHIPPING SECTION.

GROUNDING CRUISER
Salvage Of French Ship Impeded By Currents
Oran, Yesterday.
The French cruiser Edgar Quinet, struck an uncharted rock, and salvage is likely to be impeded by strong under-currents.—Reuter.
[Yesterday's cable stated: Water is pouring in a deep gash in the side, and has already reached the engine-room, of the 14,000-ton French cruiser Edgar Quinet which grounded in a thick fog off Cape Blanc. The crew have been rescued.]

FAST CARGO LINER
The New Blue Funnel "Agamemnon"
A notable addition to the fleet of Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. is the motorship "Agamemnon," at present loading in Birkenhead for her first voyage to the Far East, having Clyde. Although no official statement has been made on the subject, it is safe to say that the ship is at least one of the fastest cargo liners in the world. It is not the fastest, it is said, on the run round to the Morsey the "Agamemnon" attained a speed in the region of 17 knots: there are few, if any other, vessels of her class which can claim a speed within two knots of this figure.
The dimensions of the ship are 453ft. 6in. long between perpendiculars, 59ft. beam, and 35ft. 3in. deep, 8,000 gross tonnage, 28ft. draft. Twin-screw machinery is fitted, the engines being of the Burmeister and Wain 4-cycle type, each having eight cylinders, 740mm. bore and 1,600mm. stroke. The machinery is novel being fitted with the Rataun system of supercharging on the main engines and with the duplex fuel injection system on both main and auxiliary engines.
The power of the machinery is 8,800 h.p. at 110-115 r.p.m., and three 170kw. auxiliary oil engine driven generators are installed. The auxiliary machinery is electrically driven, and is of the most up-to-date design throughout. A wireless direction finder and echo sounding device are amongst the modern navigating instruments with which the ship is fitted.
The "Agamemnon" has been built by Messrs. Workman Clark (1928), Ltd., the main and auxiliary engines being constructed by Messrs. Burmeister and Wain and Co., of Copenhagen, and installed by the shipbuilders.
Thus, the ship can truly be called "noteworthy," and there can be no doubt but that she will quickly establish herself as a favourite among shippers, and still further enhance her owners' reputation in ocean transport.

TYNE DEVELOPMENT
Dredging To Accommodate Large Liners
The scheme for the development of Jarrow lake was referred to by Sir William Noble, Bart., at a recent meeting of the Tyne Improvement Commission. Sir William said he had great hopes that the project would be launched this year, and that if it materialised, the Tyne would be in the forefront of all the rivers in the country. It would have a depth of water equal to that of Southampton, and no other river would have so great a dredged depth as the Tyne.
Sir Wm. Noble was unanimously elected chairman of the Commission for the fifth time, and Mr. H. F. Everett was re-elected deputy-chairman.

Jarrow Slake
Reviewing the work of the past year and in speaking of the future, Sir William said negotiations had been proceeding through the year with the London and North Eastern Railway Co., and they were hoping almost any day now to have a definite proposal from the company. One of the necessary steps to bring about the development of Jarrow Slake would be the dredging of the river from the bar up to Jarrow, and the scheme provided for a depth at the Slake of 35 feet at low water in order to accommodate all large ocean-going steamers that at present avoid other places at starting points for their cruises and pleasure trips.
So far as industry in the North of England was concerned, Sir William said it was certainly better than it was 12 months ago, but he did not think anyone was quite satisfied to say the condition was prosperous. So far as the Tyne Commission was concerned, he thought they might say definitely that the tide turned towards the end of 1928, and it was reflected in some of the Tyne figures. Exports of coal and coke amounted recently to no less than 17,400,000 tons, an increase over 1928 of 3% millions.
The new quay erected at Albert Edward Dock some 18 months ago had far exceeded expectations. Calculations were based on a very modest figure, something like 20,000 tons of merchandise and 100,000 tons of coal, but for the year ended June 30, 1929, actually dealt with 48,000 tons of merchandise and 98,000 tons of coal, and in addition 64 other ships had used the quay. So satisfactory had been the results that permission had been granted to make extensions at the cost to provide another berth at the end of between £22,000 and £24,000.
Success of Trimming Scheme
Speaking of the arrangement arrived at during the year by which the trimmers and teamsters agreed to an extension of hours of work, Sir Wm. Noble said they acknowledged the readiness with which Mr. Bevin, Mr. Thomas, and the local leaders entered the negotiations on behalf of the men. In the 11 months in which the scheme had been in operation, 619 ships that would have been kept over the week-end had been dealt with, and some of them might not have come to the Tyne at all if the arrangement had not been in force, because at the time the Continent was offering great inducement to steamers to go there for bunker coals. During the extra hours they had shipped no less than 2 1/2 million tons of coal.
It was gratifying to know that over the whole year the Tyne had been able to renew all loans they required at 4% per cent., or rather less than the Government rate, and only in the last few weeks had the finance committee raised the rate to 5 per cent. The revenue of the Commission had increased, expense had gone down, and a substantial surplus was assured. It might reach 6 figures, but it would certainly be 5 figures.

CANADIAN WHEAT
Vital Problem For British Shipping Traffic
Mr. J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal, in an interview discussed the Canadian wheat pool question and its relation to British shipping.
One of the things, he said, he was struggling against was that if Britain were to enter the Canadian market and compete fairly, it could only be done by getting something like a guaranteed return cargo. A ship, chartered to go to Canada wanted to know the chances of a return cargo.
Referring to the Canadian wheat pool, which he described as of vital importance, Mr. Thomas said, "We had to try to get the wheat pool to release wheat in more regular quantities than was being done at present. Montreal held fourteen million bushels in the elevators alone. Before a bushel of this year's crop was harvested the elevators were full and 80 ships laden up with last year's crop were in the water, while other ships were leaving in ballast. It was true that this situation was regarded as abnormal, but from this country's point of view the question was vital. Coal was knocked out competitively under existing conditions."

SUEZ CANAL
Increased Draught Of Water
The Suez Canal Company announce that on and after January 1 next the maximum authorised draught of water for vessels using the canal, which is now 32 ft. (9m. 75) will be increased by one foot, thus making it 33 ft. (10m. 06).

DOCK IMPROVEMENT
The original plans of the new Coen Harbour at Amsterdam (of which the first portion was finished some years ago while work on the second and last portion is to be commenced shortly) have been altered materially. As a result, there will be an increase in the berthage accommodation for sea-going vessels of 1,000 yards at quaysides, and of about 16,000 square yards at dolphins, while at the same time the berthage accommodation for river craft will be extended by 1,100 yards at quays, and by 6,000 square yards at dolphins. The extra expenditure involved is estimated at 6,500,000 gld.

INCREASED U.S. SHIPBUILDING
A decided increase in the tonnage of steel ships under construction in American yards on October 1 is shown by figures made public by the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce. Figures (a Washington message) reported to the bureau show that on October 1 American shipyards were building or had under contract to build for private shipowners 184 steel vessels of 227,070 gross tons, compared with 176 vessels of 193,816 gross tons on September 1. Wood shipping under construction, however, showed a decline, totalling 87 vessels of 16,950 gross tons on October 1, against 48 vessels of 19,450 gross tons on September 1.

WARSHIPS IN PORT
British warships in port this morning were—
In Basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Hood," "Patriot," "Marston," "Moreshead," "Ironclad," "West Wall," "Kent" (flagship).
In Dock: "Seraph," "Cornflower."
No. 1 Buoy: "Hermes."
No. 4 Buoy: "Herald."
No. 10 Buoy: "Somme."
No. 11 Buoy: "Thracian."
No. 12 Buoy: "Magnaolia."
No. 18 Buoy: "Sirdar."
The only foreign man of war in port was—
French gunboat "Argus."

SHIPPING CONFERENCE
The failure of the New Delhi Shipping Conference is officially ascribed to differences between British and Indian shipping interests.—Reuter.

CONSIGNEES NOTICE
The following consignees are notified that the following cargo is on board the ship named "Argus" and is to be delivered to them on or about January 10, 1930.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER
The following steamers are expected to arrive at the port of Hong Kong on or about January 10, 1930.

NEW CHINESE COASTAL SHIP
3,000-TON NORWEGIAN VESSEL TO HOLD 1,500 COOLIES
THE HAI HING
Whilst Gotaverken some time ago took the step of specialising in tanker construction and later introduced standard types of motor tankers and cargo liners, the yard has also undertaken the construction of vessels for special service, as for instance, the fine motor-cruising yacht Stella Polaris in 1927, and the Hai Hing, which ran her trial a few weeks ago. This latter vessel is different from any ship yet constructed at Gotaverken, being designed for coastal service in China, with accommodation for the transport of as many as 1,500 coolies.
She is for Messrs. Brunsgaard, Kiosterud and Co., Drammen, and is 295 ft. long with a beam of 45 ft. and a depth of 20 ft. 2 in., the draught when the ship is fully laden being 18 ft. 6 in. The deadweight capacity is 3,000 tons.
Not Pirate Proof!
The Chinese passengers are carried in a long bridge 'tween deck and on a continuous deck below. Doors are cut in the sides abreast the 'tween deck. On the main deck there is an emigrant galley with two big rice boilers having brick furnaces. Whilst the vessel is not pirate proof, many special Asiatic devices have been adopted.
The propelling machinery comprises two Gotaverken-B and W. trunk-piston engines, each developing 1,750 h.p. There are two Diesel-driven generators, each of 58 kw., and electric power is used for heating purposes. An emergency generator set for lighting and wireless is located on the main deck close to the engine-room.
On trials, with 700 tons of ballast aboard, and with a mean draught of 10 ft. 8 1/2 ins., a mean speed of 14.95 knots was attained with the engines developing 3,400 h.p. A maximum speed of 15.30 knots was recorded. After the trials, the Chinese crew was shipped and the Hai Hing left for Rotterdam to take in cargo for Java.
Order at One Yard
The position of Gotaverken in the shipbuilding industry at the present time is remarkable and is worth placing on record. In 1913 the yard commenced building motor ships and since 1921 has constructed no mercantile steamers, but only Diesel-driven vessels. At the present moment the builders have 32 motor ships of 313,150 tons deadweight capacity on order, of which 11 are for Swedish owners and 21 for foreign shipping companies.
On November 5 the 11,000-ton tanker Storaa was launched from Gotaverken, and on November 14 the 9,000-ton tanker Vanja was completed. On November 16 the launch took place of the Vasholm.
The Vanja
The Vanja, which is equipped with two 1,500 h.p. Gotaverken-B and W. trunk-piston engines of the six-cylinder type, attained a mean speed of 12.35 knots on trials with the engines developing 3,525 h.p., whilst at a speed of 12.1 knots the machinery output was 3,300 h.p. One of the two boilers can be heated by the exhaust gases of the propelling engines. A similar arrangement is to be adopted on the Storaa.
It is a matter of interest that the Vasholm, a 7,000-ton cargo liner for the Swedish-American-Mexico Line, with accommodation for eight passengers, is to be fitted with a Gotaverken-B and W. Diesel engine of the long-stroke type with airless injection, this being the first solid-injection crosshead engine built by Gotaverken.

SHIPPING BREVITIES
Two mistresses of sampans were fined \$10 each this morning at the Marine Court by Comdr. J. B. Newell for making fast their crafts to the s.s. Nellore whilst under way.

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*MIRZAPUR	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*JEYPORE	5,318	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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TALMA	10,000	2nd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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		31st Jan.	
TANDA	6,986	28th Feb.	
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NELLORE	6,853	1930	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
		7th Jan.	5 p.m.
*KIDDERPORE	5,834	10th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
		4 p.m.	
TALMA	10,000	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
		9 a.m.	
KARMALA	9,128	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,938	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEDONIA	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,986	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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(Continued from Page 3.)

On the left hand of the Prince sat Viscount Gort, and on his right Sergeant W. F. Burman, now a chauffeur.

The Prince, his Military Cross conspicuous among his decorations, his Guards tie in a neat knot, chatted first with one and then with the other as the evening wore on. He was smiling happily, and now and again he leaned across his immediate neighbours to speak to those who had not the privilege of sitting so near to him. All the time the band of the Guards played, not war songs nor martial airs, but lively tunes which fitted well with the whole spirit of the gathering.

A Dramatic Moment

And then came one of the most dramatic moments of the evening. There was a lull in the buzz of conversation as the toastmaster announced the toast of "The King." Instantly there was a burst of wild cheering, and every man was on his feet, rigid at attention. All eyes turned to their Chairman, whose words, "Gentlemen, the King," could just be heard above the noise as chairs were pushed back and heels clicked together. Every one of those heroes was at first too shy to sing as the band struck up the National Anthem. Then suddenly, as if coming from one man, their voices crashed out the words, "Send him victorious." Their tongues were loosened at last. Right through to the end they sang the words, their nervousness forgotten and carried away with the enthusiasm by which all seemed swayed. As they sang the last "God Save the King" there was silence, until the Prince held up his glass and with the words, "The King," relaxed the tension and once more set conversation going.

Lord Jellicoe, who was received with cheers when he rose to propose the toast of "The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," said that the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family had ever since the first Armistice Day taken the greatest possible interest in the welfare of those who by their gallant deeds had splendid work gave us peace with victory.

"Some of us, I am sure, feel great diffidence in being present at such a gathering as this," he said. "In my own case, I recall an incident in 1917 when two small boys were introduced to me and told by their mother to shake hands. The elder said at once, 'Are you a V.C.?' I had to confess that I was not. Both boys then said, 'We would shake hands with you if you were a V.C.' (Laughter.)

Tribute to Prince
"Now, as regards His Royal Highness, I am quite confident that he, at any rate, among the rest of us who have no claim to be present would have earned the Cross had he not been handicapped by his high position in life. (Cheers.)
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The total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday, January 6, amounted to 1,279.77 million gallons, showing a decrease of 47.50 million gallons during the past week. The week's consumption amounted to 46.91 million gallons.

Kowloon Water Supply
The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, January 6, amounted to 458.50 million gallons, showing a decrease of 9.04 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.83 million gallons, not including 1.85 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 18.14 million gallons.

Storage
The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.88	186.81
" 29	327.26	127.44
May 6	311.72	121.05
" 13	309.84	125.84
" 20	293.97	115.90
" 27	281.63	102.18
June 3	297.90	87.90
" 10	252.71	85.61
" 17	192.75	80.61
" 24	177.62	100.98
July 1	175.54	114.27
" 8	167.79	105.52
" 15	352.07	307.31
" 22	460.22	277.00
" 29	993.80	397.04
Aug. 5	1,251.86	428.53
" 12	1,356.64	442.38
" 19	1,615.85	452.35
" 26	1,789.09	461.41
Sept. 2	1,978.18	457.96
" 9	1,914.62	495.71
" 16	1,906.81	496.95
" 23	1,891.01	501.32
" 30	1,584.24	513.89
Oct. 7	1,580.13	514.68
" 14	1,589.44	516.03
" 21	1,794.29	514.87
" 28	1,749.59	514.61
Nov. 4	1,691.58	514.64
" 11	1,685.60	515.45
" 18	1,606.73	514.73
" 25	1,501.20	505.69
Dec. 2	1,514.80	496.54
" 9	1,464.37	489.80
" 16	1,419.44	483.28
" 23	1,379.23	477.53
" 30	1,357.27	467.54
Jan. 6	1,279.77	468.50

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:—

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.65	30.78
" 29	37.59	29.83
May 6	33.03	27.17
" 13	30.57	25.07
" 20	31.93	25.08
" 27	33.86	25.38
June 3	27.48	24.88
" 10	27.37	19.59
" 17	30.18	14.94
" 24	27.14	11.08
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 8	27.25	19.91
" 15	26.77	17.87
" 22	25.32	23.28
" 29	31.53	22.31
Aug. 5	31.85	25.17
" 12	38.27	25.23
" 19	39.56	25.85
" 26	51.47	26.91
Sept. 2	50.86	27.62
" 9	51.47	27.20
" 16	57.25	28.23
" 23	58.41	28.67
" 30	57.20	29.09
Oct. 7	54.00	29.70
" 14	55.16	29.97
" 21	54.98	28.52
" 28	54.29	27.19
Nov. 4	54.22	26.81
" 11	51.55	26.87
" 18	48.97	26.46
" 25	45.53	26.79
Dec. 2	46.90	26.54
" 9	47.42	27.11
" 16	47.77	27.24
" 23	47.74	26.88
" 30	47.54	24.98
Jan. 6	46.91	25.35

JUNGLE MYSTERY Boxing Day Hunting Tragedy

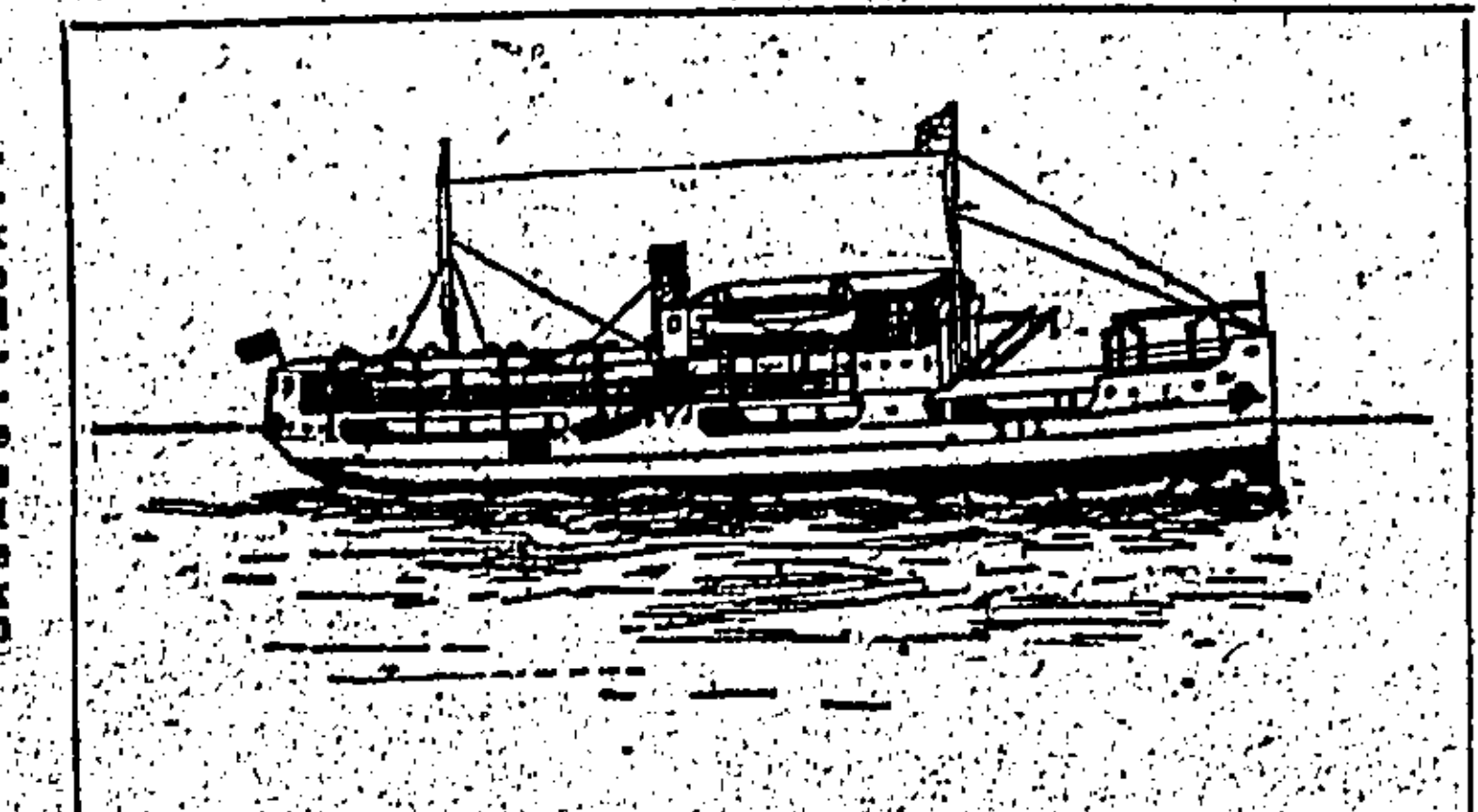
Ipoh, Dec. 27.

News to-day from Sitiawan tells of a distressing hunting tragedy. Inspector Bhagat Singh, in charge of the district police, went out after pig yesterday morning with Chinese friends. They entered the jungle and dispersed in different directions. An hour later Bhagat Singh struggled into camp alone with his turban round his waist and in a collapsing condition. First aid was promptly rendered but before his companions could start their motor car for Kuala Kangsar he collapsed and died. It is believed that he was the victim of a charge in the jungle and walked a quarter of a mile back to camp in an injured condition—Singapore Free Press.

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BIRTH

BEVAN.—On January 2 at Swa-
tow, wife of Temple P. M.
Bevan, of a daughter.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1930.

TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

A young man was overheard to
remark recently that there was
too much religion in Hong Kong.
Only a young man would have
said that; but he was not neces-
sarily by virtue of his age a
shrewd analyst. He may not
have meant, however, organised
religion in the accepted sense.
Hundreds of respectable resi-
dents call and profess themselves
Christians; but they would prob-
ably resent it if their Bishop
were to reprove them for not at-
tending their Churches. It is
not always irreligious to stay
away from Church; irreligion is
found in the conduct of our lives
and our metaphysical outlook
upon life. What the young man
was confusing with religion was
that spirit which annihilates all
prejudice, thought in a British
Colony. It is the provincial urge
of the middle classes to trans-
plant their particular suburb or
village wherever they go. Were
Great Britain to annex a savage
island in the South Seas archi-
pelago, there would swiftly be
engendered with the arrival of
colonists a staid and prohibitive
air of regulated behaviour.

When the Great War ended,
the fear that was uppermost in
the minds of the middle classes
was that the post-war youth
would destroy the old ideas and
bring a new civilization on the
fabric of realism; no shams, no
poses, no choking Nihilisms were
to smooth the natural creases of
life. And so, with the passing of
the cabriolet, they bemoaned the
coming of the cocktail, and the
young people, amused by the be-
lief that they were behaving in a
perfectly shocking and naughty
manner, threw for a time on
their new-found "liberty." Even
the older generation believed that
a new type of humanity was set-
tling in, and the word "modern"
became anathema.

We are slowly discovering that
the world—particularly the Brit-
ish world—is exactly the same
as before; with the saving ex-
ception that conduct has now to
be based upon a fresh set of
values. The world, if it suffers
from anything worse than lais-
sez-faire, is suffering from irreligion.
That it is too religious (whatever
that may imply), is a perversion
of the truth, and even the recent
spread of Roman Catholicism can-
not justify the allegation. But
youth is irreligious, not in the
sense that it is ungodly,
but rather that it takes
things too much for granted.
It is prepared to take
life as it comes, without regard
for principles and indifferent of
the curve of history. It has few
ideals and little desire to express
its individuality. The communal
spirit, that thinks alike, does alike
and behaves alike without re-
fection, has caught this genera-
tion in its meshes. This herd
instinct is definitely dangerous;
it even threatens the originality
of the race; and in this phenom-
ena (although some might prefer
a simpler explanation) may be
found the reason why Hong
Kong is a dull place. It only in
our new environment we were to
liberate our shackled vision and
generate sympathy, interest, and
unselfishness in our minds, we
should unloosen the bonds of
boredom which is so traceable
upon the faces, and evident in the
conversation, of our young re-
sidents. After all, they do not
get very much out of life; but
what slaves ever did?

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Chinese odd job man was at
the Kowloon Magistrate's office
yesterday morning for a charge of
stealing a bicycle. He was fined
\$10. From China. The widow
of a Chinese soldier who was
killed in the Great War, and who
was a member of the Chinese
Legation in London, has been
invited by the British Government
to visit the Imperial War Museum
in London. She is the only
Chinese woman to have been so
honoured. She is now in Hong
Kong, and will be visiting the
Legation in London.

It is announced in our advertising
columns that Mr. Eduard
Michelsen, Taingtao, has been ad-
mitted a partner in the Firm of
Melchers & Co.

Brother Joseph, formerly in-
structor at St. Joseph's College,
Hong Kong, has joined the staff of
the La Salle College of the same
corporation in Manila.

The engagement is announced of
Mr. David Buchanan, of the Hong
Kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, Ipoh, and Miss Ethel M. L.
Bryant of the F.M.S. Government
Nursing Service, Ipoh.

It was inadvertently reported
yesterday that Mr. F. Mason,
organist of St. John's Cathedral,
had left for Home on Saturday. The
name was obviously confused with
that of another passenger.

A report was made to the Police
yesterday that an old man, who
had been taken on as a substitute
cook on the President Pierce,
dropped dead on the deck last even-
ing. The man was certified as
having died of heart failure.

Rugby. Yesterday—Sir Robert
Vansittart will to-morrow take up
his duties as Permanent Under-
Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in
succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay,
who leaves England in about two
months' time to assume his post as
new Ambassador at Washington.—
British Wireless Service.

A fire broke out in the roof of
house No. 263, Des Vaux Road
Central, yesterday evening. There
was a small wooden structure erect-
ed on the roof, which caught fire,
and neighbours were alarmed. A
telephone message was sent to the
Central Fire Station, and the fire
brigade arrived promptly on the
scene extinguishing the fire after a
few minutes. No damage was
done.

WEDDING

Ceremony in St. John's Cathedral

WILSON-CLARKE

Two well-known and popular young
members of Hong Kong society were
married in St. John's Cathedral yes-
terday afternoon. They were Mr.
Walter Dunbar Fiddes-Wilson, a good
sportsman, and Miss Lella May
Tiersan Clarke, a young amateur
artist, well-known on the local stage.
Only last month she took part in the
Philharmonic Society's production
of "The Gipsies" in which she played the
role of "Rolly's Girl." She is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sprachan
Clarke of 6, Cheung Kwan Place, London.
Mr. Fiddes-Wilson is a member of
the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Math-
eson & Co., Ltd., and was attached to
the Hong Kong office for some years
until his transfer to Tientsin last
year. Whilst resident in Hong Kong
he was a keen playing member of
the Hong Kong Polo Club, starter of
the Hong Kong Jockey Club, being
considered one of the best in China, and
a member of the Sports Club which
held a farewell function in his honour
at the time of his departure for Tien-
tsin.

Mr. R. M. Dyer gave away the bride,
who looked very charming in her mag-
nificent dress of silver brocade, made
on close fitting medieval lines, with
a very long train of the same material
lined with white satin. Her veil was

HUNTING ELEPHANTS WITH SPEARS

BY AN EXPLORER

THE most cruel sport in the
world, aptly described by
methods with which the Arabs hunt
down elephants, armed only with a
long throwing spear and a broad-
bladed thrusting knife.

What a magnificent sight they
make us, with the good wishes of
the old men and women, they ride
from their encampment, mounted on
their sure-footed desert-bred
horses.

Madly they race through the nar-
row lane of grass huts, scattering
pedestrians, bumping and boring,
their long white burnouses spread-
ing behind them. The soft sand
muffling the beats of their madly
racing steeds makes them appear
like ghost riders. Only the high-
pitched screams of the wild riders
give them any semblance to human
beings.

The encampment behind, a more
circumspect pace is assumed and
absolute silence is maintained.

Reaching the last fringe of forest
bordering the plain, they wait
patiently for the Pagan tracker
who has brought them the news of
the elephants' close proximity.

Riding silently forward in close
formation to within fifty yards of
the herd, and having unerringly as-
certained the position of the largest
tusker, they rush down on the
startled animals, screaming like de-
mented devils.

Turn and wheel as the elephants
will, the racing mob gallop after

them. Foaming and blood-splashed
horses frantically fight to fling off
the cruel Arab bits that bite into
their tongues. One rider, more
daring than the rest, dashes into
the midst of the herd. He ranges
alongside the big bull, which, wind-
ed beyond endurance, stops and
turns to give fight. His trunk curls
to strike, and like a flash the
mounted man shoots forward, lying
low over his horse's withers, to
escape the tusks raised above him.
By inches he misses their gleaming
whiteness and is past, racing away
from the death that follows him.

Another rider dashes across to
intercept the beast at right angles,
loosening his heavy throwing
spear from its leather thong as he
rides. With a lightning twist of
the wrist he despatches it. It hits
its mark, turning the elephant's at-
tention from the horse and man
that are fast becoming exhausted.

Another way the elephant
charges, frantic with pain. Crash
fall the horse and man right in his
path! The man lies still, but luck-
ily the horse rises and takes the full
impact of four tons of charging
muscle that flings him skywards as
easily as a child flings a ball.

The horse tries to rise but his
broken hind legs splay grotesquely
beneath him.

The poor-tormented bull, goaded
by the pain from the numerous
spears that stick from his carcass
like porcupine quills, again
charges the struggling horse, and
with his tusks and knees pounds
him into a shapeless heap. But the
men relentlessly thrust and stab,
drawing the blood from his veins
until the scene is a shambles.

Weak and helpless he rolls
drunkenly on his legs, still willing
to fight.

A lucky thrust opens a throat
vein, and with his death bellow
echoing through the bush he
crashes, raising the dust round
him like a shroud, as if to hide
this work of man.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail,"
January 7, 1920.)

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 14d.

The supper menu at the St. George's
Ball last night at the Theatre Royal
was as follows:

Consommé en tasse
Roast Turkey
Roast Pheasant Roast Capon
Saddle of Mutton
Roast Beef Spiced Beef
Boar's Head
York Ham
Corned Ox Tongue Galantine of Veal
Chicken Salad
Assorted Fresh Salads
Trifle
Compote of Fruit Custards
Blanc Manger
Strawberry Ice Vanilla Ice
Assorted Pastry
Coffee

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

Premier Violates The Law: Old China Residents: Chinese Pilots' Request: Judge's Mission To Shanghai:
Governor Of New Zealand

A Curious Oversight

CONSIDERABLE doubt seems to
exist as to the original
purpose of the law which Mr. Ramsay
Macdonald has accidentally violat-
ed by appointing all the Under-
Secretaries of State from the
ranks of his party in the House
of Commons.

Since the law was first passed,
the actual number of Under-Sec-
retaries who may sit in the Com-
mons has been augmented from
time to time, but always the per-
mitted maximum has been one
less than the total number of
Under-Secretaries.

An authority with whom I dis-
cussed the subject suggest-
ed—and it seems a reasonable
contention—that the law was origi-
nally intended to curb the power
of the Crown to appoint Ministers
and force them upon the House
of Commons instead of, as now,
the House electing its members
and the Ministers being chosen
from their number.

A Golden Wedding

THE Rev. W. T. and Mrs. Austen
and their daughter, Miss Mabel
Austen, were married in the
cathedral, resident in Yokohama,
where Mr. Austen was Chaplain to
the Seamen's Mission, and now re-
sident at the Vicarage, North Shore,
New Zealand. Mr. Austen was
appointed Chaplain to the Seamen's
Mission in 1900, and has since
been in China and Japan, espe-
cially older workers in mission-
ary circles, will be interested to
note that they celebrated their golden
wedding on New Year's Day. Mr. Austen
has during the past two years been
an invalid and unable to take an
active part in the work of his parish.

Chinese Marine Laws

THE Chinese Pilots' Association has
been requested by the Legation
Yuan, representing the Yuan to
take part in framing Chinese marine
laws. The Association has
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All parties at that time were un-
satisfied in their views of the
which Mr. Justice Fotham had done
in paving the way for lasting peace
in Ireland, and that he wrought
the history of the past four years
has shown.

A young barrister he resided at
the top of the Victoria Buildings,
and took a keen interest in the Temple
debating societies. Then came the
Boer War, and he went out to South
Africa with "The Devil's Own," stay-
ing on in that Dominion to achieve
prominence first as an advocate and
then as a judge.

The Irish Boundary Commission
was not the first of such bodies; it
was one of many, and one that
which the Shanghai Municipal Council
has taken a wide step in seeking
assistance at the present time.

Lord Bledisloe
[N. appointing Lord Bledisloe to be
Governor of New Zealand the Gov-
ernment has selected a young
student of law, promising and
ambitious. He is an Englishman,
and has been particularly interested in
New Zealand, and has been a keen
advocate of the extension of self-
government to the colonies. He has
been in New Zealand for some time,
and has been very successful in his
work. He is a young man of great
energy and ability, and is well-
qualified for the post. He is a
member of the New Zealand Bar,
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Sport Column

HOCKEY GOLFING SERIES

Lady Players To Have Series Of Matches

TO-DAY'S GAME

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the Hong Kong University on Wednesday on the University ground, 15.15 p.m.—G. E. Little, P. Carter, E. Gray, F. D. C. Lack, F. Webber, M. L. Wallace, A. E. Steele, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNeillie, C. M. Ferguson, M. Bishop.

On Saturday the 1st XI will play a match against H.M.S. Kent on the Naval ground, Happy Valley, at 3 p.m. The team is as follows:—F. D. C. Lack; E. Gray, M. Bird; E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. L. Wallace; I. C. Bell, N. A. McNeillie, D. F. Stanton, M. Smalley; E. S. Laing.

The 2nd XI will play against the Club de Releto 2nd XI at King's Park at 3 p.m. as follows:—M. Russell; J. Brown, B. V. Franklin; B. Taylor, F. Webber, M. King; S. Brown, J. E. Blackburn, C. M. Ferguson, J. L. Whyte, A. Steel.

Club "A" v. H.K.S.R.A.

The following will represent Club de Releto in a Hockey Match against the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI at King's Park to-day at 5 p.m. sharp:—C. Barros; F. M. Silva, D. C. Alves; H. R. Pinn, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro; J. A. de V. Soares, H. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. P. Eca da Silva and F. J. Remedios.

The following will represent the H. K. Hockey Club "A" team against the H. K. and S. R. A. at King's Park on January 10, at 5 p.m. (sharp):—G. E. Moore, L. A. R. Duncan, G. Rankine, (Capt.) H. Marlowe, R. W. Skipp, N. W. Lansonier, S. Fox, Maj. Kerrick, L. C. Frost, N. Hazell and R. W. Sapsed.

SCOTT'S NEXT FIGHT

Willing To Meet Sharkey Next Month

New York, Yesterday. Phil Scott's manager has announced his willingness to allow Scott to fight Sharkey at Miami in February, the winner to meet Schmelling for the heavyweight title.—Reuter's American Service.

COCAINE SMUGGLER

Indian Seaman Caught At Tanjong Pagar

An attempt by an Indian seaman to bring into Singapore a quantity of cocaine was frustrated by a detective who noticed the man's curious gait and detained him for inquiries.

When the smuggler was produced before Mr. C. H. G. Clarke, the District Judge, by Inspector Kessler, of the Harbour Board Police, it was stated that he belonged to the crew of the steamer Talamba, which arrived from China ports on December 8. An Indian detective who was on duty at the Tanjong Pagar wharves noticed the accused coming off the ship and making for Singapore, walking rather awkwardly. His suspicions were aroused and he stopped the seaman, and found that he was carrying a tin on his person. The contents were sent to the Government Analyst, who found that they were pure cocaine. The tin bore Japanese characters.

The accused explained that the tin was given to him by a friend and at the time he was arrested he was going ashore to see a doctor in order to get the contents examined, as he wanted to find out whether it was poison or medicine.

His Honour imposed a fine of \$250, or six months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

Hagen Scratched Being Late

Long Beach, U.S.A., Yesterday. The names of Hagen and Leo Diegel have been scratched from the qualification round of the local open golf championship for being late for the tee off. Their excuse was that they were delayed at a local film studio, where they were working on a golfing comedy.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME RUGBY

London, Dec. 14. The following are the results of the principal matches, played under Rugby Union rules to-day:—

Bristol	3	Coventry	3
Cardiff	17	Plymouth	10
Rosslyn Park	5	Albion	10
Glasgow	5	Plymouth	6
Institute	0	Edinburgh	5
W. of Scotland	0	University	20
Royal High	0	Edin. Wm.	5
School (F.P.)	0	Heriotians	19

The following are the results of matches played under Northern Union rules to-day:—

Australians	22	St. Helen's	8
Barrow	2	St. Helens	12
Barnley	3	Castleford	10
Beaumont	3	Hull	18
Broughton	3	Warrington	8
Featherstone	11	Halifax	8
Huddersfield	11	Wigan	3
Hull K.R.	20	Bradford	0
Hunslet	8	Dewsbury	5
Keighley	5	Wakefield	0
Leigh	5	Swinton	4
Oldham	18	Salford	3
Wigan H.	0	Rochdale	3
York	7	Leeds	5

CRIME IN FRANCE

Police Methods Cause Public Anxiety

Paris.—In spite of the fact that there is a real public feeling and a real anxiety about the methods of the police in pursuing criminal investigations, the Government had comparatively little difficulty in securing a majority when the question was raised in the Chamber.

The reason for this is partly that the police have been such a mysterious and effective weapon in the hands of so many Governments in French history that there is a sort of uneasy fear of offending them, and as Pierre Bernus says in the "Journal de Geneve," many responsible persons—who could and should express an opinion seem to be afraid of publicly condemning these methods as if they feared the vengeance of a sort of Cheka.

It must be admitted, however, that it is also partly because French people in the mass do not really care very deeply about individual liberty. It was sufficient for the Communists in the recent debate to drag across the trail the red-berring of the preventive arrests of the first of May, and to be joyfully followed by M. Tardieu for the majority of the Chamber to rally to the support of a Government which defended police irregularities by the necessity of keeping order.

Moreover, as the "Avenir" points out, if the people of France felt really deeply about this question of individual liberty they would insist on their Parliament passing a Bill which has been before it for twenty-five years. This Bill, which would make illegal the detention of anyone for more than twenty-four hours without being brought up for judgment, and would insist upon all interrogations being conducted by responsible magistrates, was proposed in the Chamber as long ago as 1904 by three deputies, one of whom was a man who was later to give an outstanding example of firm Government, Georges Clemenceau.

It was defeated, but three years later, M. Clemenceau, then Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, brought it in again, and it

It is reported that owing to the lack of ammunition and foodstuffs, Generals Chang Fah-kuei, Li Hong-yun, Wu Chi-wei, Mok Hung and Wang Chin-chau, who find it difficult to maintain their positions, are willing to go abroad, leaving the Ironside remnants who are now commanded by General Chan Chi-ching, to be re-organised by General Lui Woon-yim of Kwangsi who, however, requires instructions from General Chan Chai-tong (Commander-in-Chief of the Two Kwangs) before this can be done.

General Lui Woon-yim reported to General Chan Chai-tong on January 4 that he had instructed his forces to concentrate at Nanning and Liuchow, preparatory to intercepting the rebels.

Suppression of Bandits
Owing to the activity of bandits in Southern Kwangtung, Admiral Chan Chak will to-day sail with six gunboats, the Chung San, Man Sang, On Pak, Fuk On, Hai Fu and Kwang Kam, and a company of marines for their suppression. In addition, the Bureau of Aviation has despatched two aeroplanes to assist the Admiral.

Aviation Students
In view of the need for mechanics in aeroplane repair, the Aviation Bureau under the 8th Route Army Headquarters has ordered an examination of students, desiring to learn such work. On January 4 General Cheung Wei-chang set an oral examination for students, most of whom had been recommended by different organs. After the examination, the students will begin their work, tuition and board being free.

Registration
Concerning the registration of the different public organisations of peasants, workers and merchants, the Bureau of Social Relations has recently issued an order to the effect that it has decided to complete the registration of such organisations, within a month from date of promulgation. But, due to various causes, such as unfamiliarity with the procedure, etc., the period of registration was consequently extended to the end of December.—Canton News Agency.

MARRIAGE LAW

Recommendation By Perak Committee.

Ipoh, Dec. 27. The recent decision reported by the Malay Mail in which a Kuala Lumpur magistrate declared a Hindu marriage illegal, has been exercising the minds of Hindus throughout the country.

The first sequel is the issue of a report to-day by the joint committee of the Kinta Indian Association and the Hindu Devasthanam Paripalana which considers it necessary that legislation should immediately vest the civil courts with power to enquire into the validity of Hindu marriages, as in recent cases it has been declared that such jurisdiction does not exist. The committee also considers the Hindu Marriages Enactment of 1924 is futile as the courts have no power to investigate and enforce.—Singapore Free Press.

was passed by the Senate in 1900, but lapsed through not having been passed by the Chamber. In 1919 it was revived and passed, by the Chamber, but it was amended by the Senate, and only returned to the Chamber in June of last year.

However, the debate made it clear that, even under the present state of the law, the police have largely exceeded their powers in the Alamozoff case, and they are condemned by the virtual unanimity of the Paris press.

GENERAL SMUTS AGAINST MAKING WAR HUMANE

UNSPEAKABLY BARBAROUS

Boston, Yesterday. General Smuts stated to Reuter that he disagreed with President Hoover's suggestion of neutrality for foodstuffs in wartime, on the ground that it was merely another palliative against the barbarism of war. "We want to have done with war. This idea of making war humane has been tried over and over again and was always broken down. Future wars will be unspeakably barbarous. They won't be old-fashioned or chivalrous, but wars of bombs and bacteria.—Reuter's American Service.

NOT VICE-RIDDEN

Jury Acquit Capital Of Crime Charges

Washington, Yesterday. After an extraordinary three months' session, with a special enquiry into alleged bootlegging in Washington, the Federal Grand Jury has reported that the Nation's Capital is not a vice-ridden, lawless community that it was pictured to be. They found that conditions were no worse than anywhere else.—Reuter's American Service.

Chief Justice Taft.
Washington, Yesterday. Chief Justice Taft is in hospital and some anxiety is felt as to his condition.—Reuter's American Service.

TRIP TO GAY CITY

London Police To Bring Back Lorang

London, Yesterday. Two London policemen have left for Paris to bring back Francis Lorang. According to a Paris message, the police there are taking special measures to prevent Lorang's escape.—Reuter.

"ROAR, CHINA!"

Soviet Propaganda Play in Frankfurt

A new Russian play entitled "Brulle China" (Roar, China!), which was produced for the first time at the Frankfurter Schauspielhaus in mail week, was sharply criticised in the Frankfurt Press.

The action of the drama, for the production of which November 9 was not chosen at random, is of the same tenor as the Russian films "Storm over Asia" and "Shanghai" and is based upon the dispatch of a British gunboat to the town of Wansien, on the Yangtze, to rescue British subjects. In every line the play consists of propaganda in favour of a world revolution and depicts a British officer, as representative of the British nation, as a ruthless oppressor and exploiter of the Chinese people. The inflammatory material of the production, which is stated to have been perfect in every respect, evidently did not fail to have its desired effect, the expressions of disgust usually starting in the gallery and spreading over the whole audience.

The Frankfurt Press, particularly the General Anzeiger, protests strongly against the action of the Frankfurter Schauspielhaus, one of Germany's foremost theatres, in placing its stage at the disposal of Bolshevik propaganda. Such a policy, it is considered, threatens to degrade the theatre from the level of an institute of art to that of a demagogic political gathering.

A petrol explosion resulted in the destruction of the American scientific research yacht Carnegie and five other vessels in Apia Harbour, Samoa. Captain Ault, master of the Carnegie, was fatally burnt.

Four persons who were cut off by fire on the staircase of a house at Flodden-road, Camberwell, were rescued from a roof to which they had escaped.

THE CRITICAL STAGE IN INDIA

THE BARRIER BETWEEN CIVIL WAR & DEVASTATION

LABOUR'S ATTACK

London, Yesterday. "In India the Labour Government is steadily pursuing its path towards Dominion status, and the most critical stage of the development has now been reached," says the "Daily Herald," drawing attention to the "inflammatory and most reprehensible language" of certain public men in Britain in connection with Indian policy.

The newspaper complains particularly against recent attacks by Lord Rothermere's journals against the Viceroy, who "stands to-day as a strong barrier between passionate extremes, which if allowed their way would speedily reduce India to civil war and devastation."

The "Daily Herald" then turns to the "equally dangerous attempt to destroy the newly-created Anglo-Russian friendship, by making a mountain from a molehill" regarding the Comintern's message to the "Daily Worker."—Reuter.

AVIATION DISPUTE

Litigation Follows Flying Award

New York, Yesterday. The long-threatened international dispute over aviation patents may be precipitated through litigation following the recent award of the Guggenheim prize (for safety flying) to a Curtiss machine fitted with the slotted-wing device. A Handley-Page entry came in second.

Handley-Page have now filed an action for damages, claiming the authorship and sole rights to slotted wings. The Curtiss company have retaliated, and have obtained an injunction to prevent Handley-Page from dismantling their entry, pending a further appeal to the Courts to enforce an Order of 1921, perpetually enjoining the Handley-Page Association not to bring aeroplanes to the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

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World News In Pic

Acquitted Of Murder



Maria de Lande de Vidal, Mexico's representative at the 1928 International Beauty Contest at Galveston, Texas, who has been acquitted by a jury in Mexico City after she admitted killing her bigamous husband, General Noises Vidal, with his own revolver.

London's New Lord Mayor



Sir William Waterlow, London's new Lord Mayor, in his historic gold coach, which carried him through the streets of the city during the traditional Lord Mayor's Show. This custom dates back to very early days. The Lord Mayor was attended en route by a cavalcade of guards in gorgeous livery.

Screen Stars Entertained In Shang



Mr. Lo Kan, of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., gave a reception in the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, to Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. Left to right: Mr. T. Sopher, Mr. A. Kisel, Mrs. Edward Ezra, Mr. Lo Kan, Mrs. Fairbanks (Mary Pickford), Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Edmund Benson, Mrs. Kioffel and Mr. J. Kioffel. (Photo by Ah Fong).

Election Riots



Armed Mexican police dispersing a group of disorderly campaigners a few days before the Presidential election. On election day nineteen people were killed and more than fifty wounded in the rioting, which accompanied the overwhelming victory of Pascual Ortiz Rubio over Jose Vasconcelos in the race for the Presidency.

President Of Provisional Court



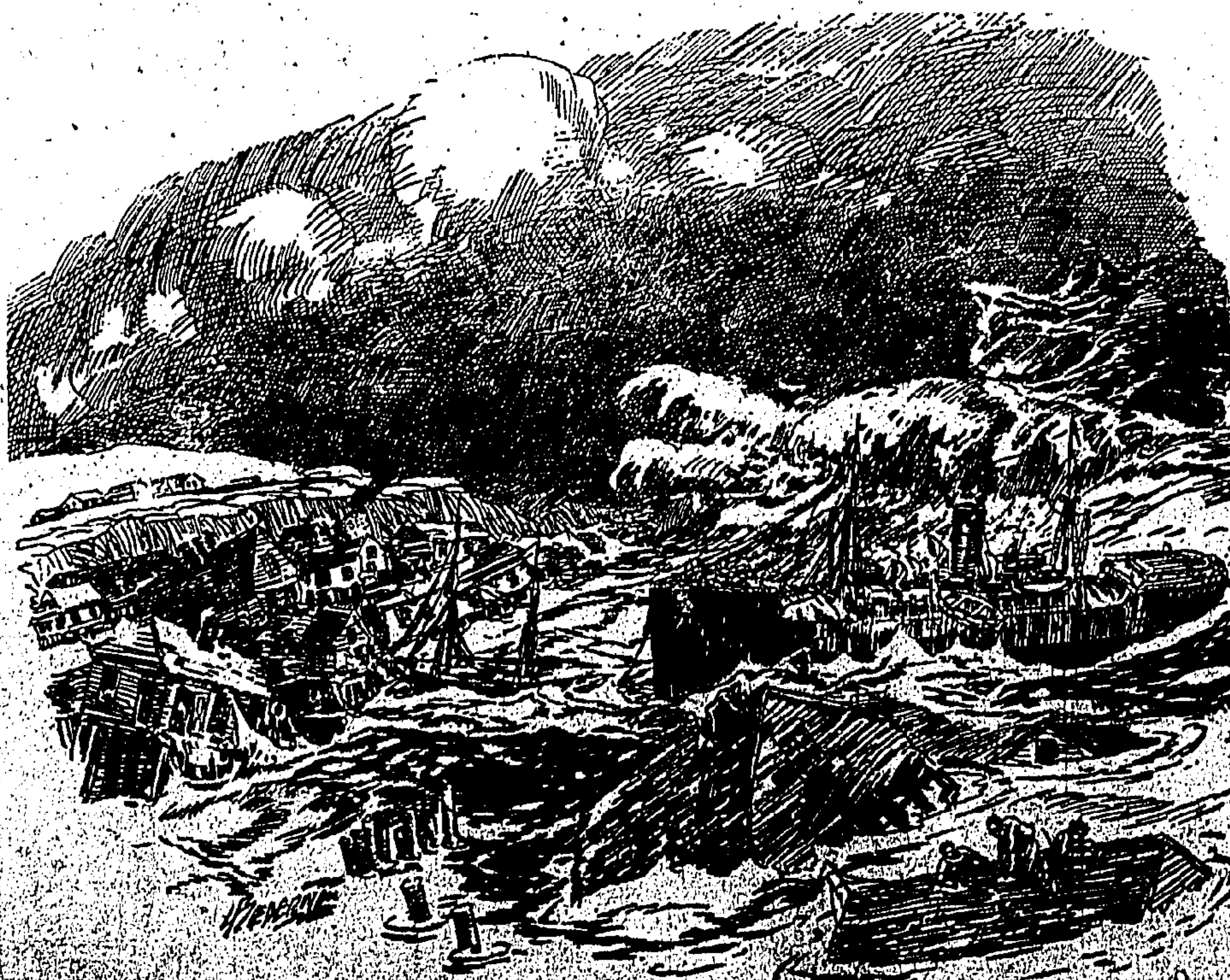
Farewell tiffin given by the Student Association of the Comparative Law School of China in honour of Dr. John C. H. Wu, ex-President of the Shanghai Provisional Court and now President of the school, at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, attended by hundreds of guests. Dr. Wu sailed from Shanghai on December 28 for the United States of America to assume his duty as a lecturer in Northwestern University. (Photo by Ah Fong).

Youthful President



Robert Maynard Hutchins became at the age of thirty the fifth president of the University of Chicago. The inauguration was made brilliant by the attendance of representatives from 300 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Europe. Some went from the proudest schools of higher learning in the world, but none among them so proud as William Howard Taft, president of Bates College, for it was his son, who was

Tidal Wave Strikes Newfoundland



Artist Lee Biederman graphically illustrates the horror and tragedy that struck a lovely small fishing village along the southern coast of Newfoundland when a great tidal wave swept down upon the coast. Mountains rose a hundred feet high, swept nearly thirty persons to their deaths while scores of fishermen's boats were destroyed. The tidal wave is believed to have been an aftermath of the great earth tremors reported from New England to the north-eastern regions of Canada.

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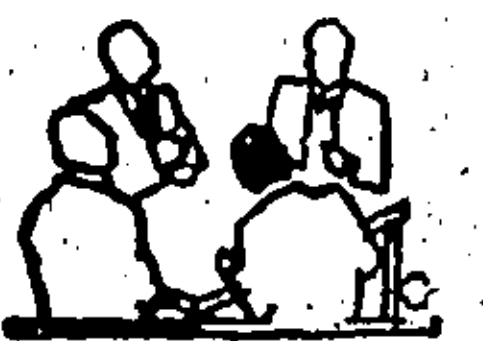
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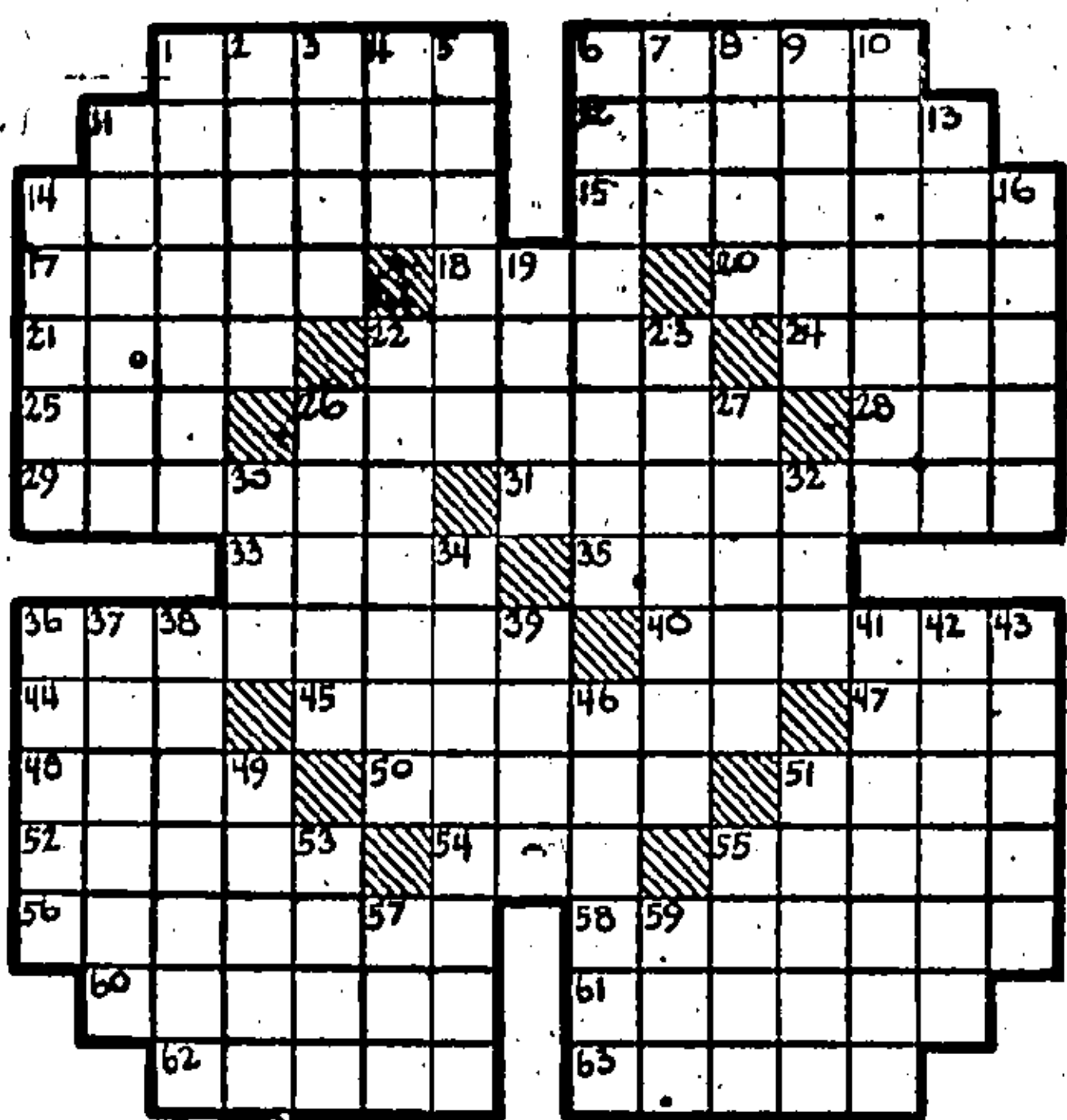
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plus, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Highest degree of happiness
- 6-Begin
- 11-Contort the body
- 12-Decay of teeth
- 14-Happened
- 15-Collects into a heap
- 17-Exclamation to encourage, as a race horse
- 18-Trip
- 20-Shrubby Asiatic plant
- 21-Combining form
- 22-Crowds together
- 24-Account
- 25-Skilled aviator
- 26-Jewel boxes
- 28-Boy's nickname
- 29-Extreme fear
- 31-Variety of turtle (pl.)
- 33-Finishes
- 35-Place in difficulty
- 36-Braces
- 40-Leased
- 44-Minister's title (abbr.)
- 46-Clipped

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-Food for livestock
- 48-Beverage (pl.)
- 49-Endured
- 51-Container for liquids
- 52-Garden earth (pl.)
- 54-Copper coin of U. S. (abbr.)
- 55-Italian poet
- 56-Harsh, shrill cry
- 58-Piled up in regular form
- 60-Harsh
- 61-One of two
- 62-Patron saint of France
- 63-Valcely

VERTICAL

- 1-Attachment to sewing machines
- 2-Dialect
- 3-Teasing desire
- 4-Pronoun
- 5-Swamp grasses
- 6-Climbing, as a plant
- 7-Headgear
- 8-Desert-dweller
- 9-Accends
- 10-Having left a will
- 11-From what source

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Searcher
- 14-Dishonest person
- 15-Vehicles on runners
- 19-Wearies
- 20-Toughness
- 22-Marked with asterisks
- 26-Same as couch (pl.)
- 27-Help onward
- 30-Recorder (abbr.)
- 32-Mightier than the sword
- 34-Sews
- 35-Small nails
- 37-Souvenirs
- 38-Affirmed
- 39-Mark
- 41-Expressed gratitude
- 42-Religious festival
- 43-Drained by ditching
- 46-Improved forces of men
- 48-Short for Stephen
- 51-To hide in the ground
- 53-Observed
- 55-Fruit
- 57-French for cry
- 59-Clipped

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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EAST ST STATE
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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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MT. Davis	812
Brown's Peak	807
Wai Kiu	792
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STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise And Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:-

	Sunrise	Sunset
January	a.m.	p.m.
7	7.05	5.54
8	7.05	5.55
9	7.05	5.56
10	7.05	5.57
11	7.05	5.57
12	7.05	5.58
13	7.05	5.59
14	7.05	5.59
15	7.05	6.00
16	7.05	6.01
17	7.05	6.01
18	7.05	6.02
19	7.05	6.03
20	7.05	6.03
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.05
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.05	6.07
27	7.04	6.08
28	7.04	6.09
29	7.04	6.10
30	7.04	6.10
31	7.04	6.11

RADIO TOPICS



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.V. on 355 metres:-

5-7 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. & Victor records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"The Gipsy Baron"—Selection (J. Strauss).

Ferdinand Kauffman & His Orchestra.

"Mirage" (Coates).

"I Zingari" (Leoncavallo).

De Groot-Vollin, David Bor.

Piano, H.M. Calve.

"Is it British?" (K. & G. Weston).

"I think of you".

Norman Long, Humorous.

"Dawn of to-morrow".

(Gravely & Green).

"C'est Vous" (Green).

The Salon Group.

"Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6".

(Liszt).

"All thro' the night I think of you".

(Pollack & Lively).

"For you alone" (Gee).

De Groot & the Piccadilly.

Orchestra.

"Why can't you" (De Sylva, Brown & Henderson).

"Little Pal".

Gracie Fields, Comedienne.

(Sullivan).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"In an old-fashioned town".

(W. H. Squire).

"Wait" (G. D'Ardelet).

John Turner, Tenor.

"I kiss your lips" (Rudolph).

"Salut D'Amour" (Egner).

Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

"An Autumn Serenade" (Becc).

"Poem" (Fibich).

Reginald Foot.

"One way street" (Tibor).

"Midnight bells" (Heuberger).

De Groot & the Piccadilly.

Orchestra.

music, it has tended to discourage reading. That the directors of the B.B.C. would be hurt was to be expected. Their programmes have provided abundant proof of their desire to edify and disseminate information. The official reply to the Archbishop is that whenever a broadcasting lecturer recommends books the public libraries receive "an enormous demand" for those books. This, it is argued, proves that wireless is actually spreading the desire to read and to read seriously. There are three million wireless licences, and the B.B.C. estimates that this means fifteen million listeners. The figure must be potential rather than actual. But we can hardly dispute the modest inference that many thousands have had "their interests increased" by the lectures.

The Archbishop, however, might well reply that this is no refutation of his censure. The point is, not whether the lecturers are doing some good—everyone would admit that—but whether they are at present doing more good than harm. Granted that after each lecture a number of people go to the free libraries and attempt to "follow up" by private reading, what the lecturer suggested, we are without any evidence that the number of readers in the country has been increased or that the study of the new readers is being directed to the best purpose. The official defence of the B.B.C. does not deal with the real objection to its programme. That is, of course, that lectures aimed at an audience of fifteen million are a most unreliable method of education. When the Archbishop spoke of the influence of wireless in discouraging reading as "sheer disaster" he was thinking apparently of the inferiority of standardised mass instruction to that in which individuality can be developed. That is one of the most insidious evils of modern life.

TESTING LOUD-SPEAKERS

If a loud-speaker gave perfect reproduction, the manufacturer would lose no time in publishing a straight-line frequency response "curve" similar to those given by the transducer people.

Some time ago a foreign manufacturer published the curve of a new loud-speaker, and it was so good that arrangements were made to get an instrument over for test. After some delay, the speaker arrived—it was not a moving-coil—and a test on a frequency gramophone record revealed the higher notes were entirely cut-off, although the "curve" showed a particularly good response on these high frequencies.

Evidently the dips and valleys of the "real curve" had been subjected to corrective analysis by the firm's advertising department. Readers who are interested in this method of testing loud-speaker response can now purchase sound test records, and the one referred to gives a pure output note starting at 5,000 cycles, with a steady fall to about 100, and a little practice will soon enable one to judge fairly accurately the standard and response of the speaker under test.

One must, however, be careful about the room. Bare walls may cause reflector and form standing waves.

RADIO AND THE CHURCHES

Sir John Reith, Director-General of the B.B.C., has gently chided the Churches on their attitude towards the broadcast of religious services. He accuses ministers of neglecting the facilities which the wireless offers for spreading the teaching of the Church.

He is unquestionably right, up to a point. Some effort should surely be made to give to those who, by reason of age or sickness, are unable to go to church, as beautiful a service as possible through the medium of the microphone.

On the other hand, religion seems, at all events, a very different thing in a church from what it is in a well-cushioned armchair, and it is a very short step, for those who could reasonably appear at church, from listening-in to ignoring the Church and the things of the Church altogether.

This consideration is not the only one which keeps the Churches from fully embracing broadcasting. They realise, very sensibly, that it is not possible to pass the plate by wireless, and without money they cannot exist.

M. Canale Tissi, the former Albanian Minister of Justice, who has lived at Athens as a political refugee for several years, was fired at four times in a public garden and wounded twice by a man who escaped.

MALAYA'S HOPES

Amateur Radio Societies Forming

December, 28, 1929.
1929 is coming to a close and on the whole it has been a fairly successful year for keen enthusiasts. A few beginners were disappointed but as with other scientific hobbies it was unavoidable. For the last two months, activities were aroused in Penang and Kuala Lumpur regarding the formation of amateur radio societies. With some encouragement the latter society ought to be able to come on the air before long. 1930 brings in new hopes especially with the appointment of the new Governor whose interest in broadcasting is well-known. His Excellency may perhaps be surprised on his arrival here to find that we are so far behind the times.

Tests from the new German "World Broadcasting" station have been going on for some time now but results have not justified the rather ambitious term "World Broadcasting." On favourable conditions the signals came through well, good modulation and with very little fading. Transmissions are carried on simultaneously with the long wave station at Königswusterhausen and the announcement is "Achtung. Achtung. Hier Königswusterhausen und der Deutscher weltfunksender auf wellen ein und dreissig komma acht und dreissig." The wavelength is 31.33 metres.

Transmission is carried on all day at the following time
5.55 G.M.T. Weather report.
6 a.m. Physical exercises from Berlin.
11 a.m. Gramophone records.
1.30 p.m. Children's hour.
7 p.m. Evening concert—interval signal is a metronome of 120 beats per minute.

Many manufacturers are now turning their attention to short-wave receivers but the trend of design is bringing more complications, consequently bringing more trouble to users. The introduction of three or more dials is apt to baffle beginners. Indifferent screening gives rise to noises which are extremely difficult to trace. The use of insulated condenser spindles may be all right for temperate climates but in the tropics the thin vulcanised rubber insulation develops cracks which give rise to noises resembling flashes of lightning.

The introduction of the screen-grid and pentode valves is another mark in the progress of valve manufacture as are also large power valves. Sudden changes in the latter should be given publicity by the makers or at least a warning pamphlet should be placed in the carton. There is one instance where a larger power valve was placed on the market without even an alteration of the name. What would happen in a case like this is

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that the output circuit of a receiver would be overloaded. Headphones, loudspeakers and transformers are saturated. The majority of transmitters on the market were made to work with a primary current of not more than 4 milliamperes without saturation.

If Brief

Reception of broadcasting from Europe has not shown any marked improvement. Chelmsford's transmission on Christmas Eve 1928 was good but this year only his carrier wave was audible. Hulson is still weak at most times though on a few nights last week he appeared to come in at full strength in Java where a successful relay was carried out by the Bandoeng Radio Society.

On Sunday evening Kairx broadcast a short speech thanking subscribers for the generous response to his appeals. Several Malayan addresses were mentioned, one at Kuala Lumpur and the others in Pahang.

PLE did not come in this week. Last week he came on at the appointed time but broke down at 9.30 p.m. after which the signals were inaudible.

Telephonic conversation between Java and Holland on the 16/17 metre wave did not appear to be very successful after 7 p.m. at this period. The 27 metre one was mostly used.

PCJ (Eindhoven) has been fair on 31.4 metres.
ZLO (Nairobi) on 31 metres and only 2 Kilowatts energy should be congratulated as throughout the year his signals were fairly well received in all parts of the world.

Two U.S.A. stations are coming

in regularly between 5 and 7 a.m. one on about 25 metres and the other 31.

Bangkok on 29.5 metres may often be heard relaying Kairx (Manila). This enables comparison of receiving conditions locally and in Siam. With the exception of Manila listening-in was a failure on Christmas Eve—what will New Year's Eve be like?—Singapore Free Press.

VALUE OF BEAM WIRELESS

London, Nov. 28.

When the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was being considered to-day in Committee in the House of Commons, it was pointed out that when the recent earthquake in the Atlantic caused a breakage in the cables, if there had been no beam wireless service, the whole system of communication between Britain and America, Australia and New Zealand would have been hopelessly congested for many weeks.

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Postmaster-General), replying to Mr. A. M. Samuel (Conservative), said that the contracts finally transferring the cable companies and the beam services to the Imperial Communications Company were signed the day before the Baldwin Government left office, leaving the present Government no power to prevent a complete transfer. The Rugby wireless station was progressing and the department proposed shortly to introduce another long wave and another short wave transmitter, thus giving five channels of communication.

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Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Office. No charge is made for this.

NOTICE

Holders of Wireless Licences are advised that under the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations all such licences expire on December 31, and that licences for the new year must be renewed as early as possible during the month of January.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.	
Australia and Manila	Taipei
Straits	Cremer
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.	
Java	Tibbadak
Manila	Alderamin
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Straits	Kidderpore
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru
London (Parcels, Dec. 5) and Straits	Hector
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.	
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, Dec. 12, 1929)	Talma
U.S.A. (San Francisco, December 13, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.	
Manila	President Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.	
Japan & Europe via Siberia	Nellors 8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Fook On 4 p.m.
Japan	Benalder 5 p.m.
Swatow	Chakang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.	
Shanghai	Alderamin 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Cremer 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	Liangchow 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton 1.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Meadow Maru 8.50 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Talamba 11.30 a.m.
Letters	Jan. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hal Ning 2 p.m.
Swatow	Hydranges 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Randakan	Hingang 10.30 a.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kidderpore 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Fushimi Maru (One Marseilles, Feb. 6)
Registration Jan. 10, 1.30 p.m.	Registration Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.
Registration Jan. 11, 2 a.m.	Letters Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.

MORE DUMPING OF AMERICAN CARS?

BRITISH DOMINIONS SAID TO BE EXCELLENT MARKET

1930 AUTOMOBILE SHOW

New York, Yesterday. Many thousands daily are attending the Annual National Automobile Show in the Grand Central Palace, which indicates that 1930 will be a year of eight-cylinder cars and increased prices. Over a score of new chassis models are generally more powerful, with greater acceleration and hill climbing ability; more comfortable with better brakes, more stylish body lines, and more luxuriously furnished bodies. Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, in a statement points out that the British Dominions are excellent markets for American motor vehicles.—Reuter's American Service.

KAYE DON'S ATTEMPT ON RECORD

BRITISH RACING MOTORIST TO TRY AND BEAT SEGRAVE

A SUNBEAM "TIGER"

Rugby, Yesterday. The famous British racing motorist, Kaye Don, who expects to make an attempt this year on the world's land speed record of 231 miles an hour, held by Sir Henry Segrave, yesterday tested in his racing car the suitability of Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire, for such an effort. He kept his visit secret, in order to have the 7-mile stretch of sands clear. He used the Sunbeam Tiger car in which Sir Henry Segrave won the world's record in 1926, and although it was raining and a gale was blowing, he drove over the course at 155 miles an hour. The sands were too wet to enable him to form a definite opinion on their suitability, and he will make a further test after consulting the designer, on the acceleration and deceleration of the Sunbeam 4,000 h.p. Silver Bullet, which has been constructed for an attempt on the world's record.—British Wireless Service.

BANK FOKI MISSING?

In information laid with the Police yesterday Li Shu-yui, manager of the Tak Cheung Bank, 99, Wing Lok Street, alleged that a foki named Kwan Kau (20) absconded yesterday with \$1,331, which he had collected from various shops on behalf of the bank.

CONSTABLE DESERTS FORCE

"CARRIED AWAY TO SEA" WITH FRIEND

ARRESTED ON RETURN

Lau Pak-yuen, a Chinese constable who joined the Police Force for a term of five years on June 26, 1925, was this morning charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, by Divisional Inspector A. R. Clark, with having deserted from the Force on October 4, 1928. Accused pleaded "guilty."

Inspector Clark told the Magistrate that accused was stationed at Pokfulam when he "just absented himself on that date and departed." He was arrested last night in Yau-mat where he was employed as a washerman by the Steam Laundry.

An "Accident" Asked why he did it, accused said that it was an accident. He had gone on board the s.s. Fusan Maru to see a friend, and unknown to him he was carried away to sea on the ship.

Inspector Clark pointed out that the Fusan Maru called at Swatow which was not so far away from Hong Kong and accused could have returned immediately. His absence for two days or so would not have been regarded as so serious.

His Worship inquired if it was possible for men to buy themselves out of the Force. Inspector Clark replied that he did not think there was such a thing as "buying one's self out," but men who wished to leave the Force before their term of service had expired could do so by paying one month's salary for every year of service not completed. Accused was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour.

VICTIMS OF PLANE CRASH FOUND

DIVERS RECOVER BODIES OF MEN ENGAGED ON FILM WORK

COLLISION IN THE AIR

Santa Monica, Yesterday. Naval divers have recovered the bodies of Mr. Kenneth Hawks, the film director, and Mr. Thomas Harris, a studio property man, who were killed on January 3, when two air-liners collided three miles from land and plunged into the sea. Ten lines were lost.—Reuter. [The machines were engaged upon the production of a film entitled "Such Men Are Dangerous."]

U.S. CONGRESS FACES A HARD PROGRAMME

BITTER CONTROVERSY OVER PROHIBITION EXPECTED

DESERTED WIVES

Washington, Yesterday. Faced with an uncompleted tariff bill, a bitter prohibition controversy, and a host of other questions that may necessitate their continuing work until the summer, Congress reassembled to-day after the recess.

The Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives approved the War Department's estimates for the coming year of a total of \$435,000,000, an increase of \$442,000 compared with the current financial year ending June 30.

The Supreme Court has sustained the constitutionality of New York State law, entitling deserted wives to attach their husbands' Bank Deposits.—Reuter's American Service.

THE C.E.R. RESUMES TRAFFIC

INTERNATIONAL TRAINS TO BE RUN ON JAN. 20

RUSSIANS REINSTATED

Tokyo, Yesterday. According to a C.E.R. announcement the Eastern section is opening for traffic on January 10, the Western section on January 15, and international trains over the whole C.E.R. system will resume on January 20.

"Hammer and Sickle" Peking, Yesterday. It is learned from Harbin that M. Simanovsky has taken over the Soviet consular affairs from Herr Stobbe, the German Consul, and has again hoisted the "hammer and sickle" flag.

Since the release of Soviet prisoners in Harbin more than one thousand men who were dismissed by the Chinese last July and August have applied to M. Rudyk requesting reinstatement in the railway's employ. It is reliably stated they will all be reinstated with full salaries for the period they have been under detention.

Mo Teh-hui, the new Tupan of the C.E.R., arrived in Harbin on Sunday to take up his duties. It is expected he will leave for Moscow about January 10, to attend the Sino-Soviet Conference.—Reuter.

U.S. COTTON YIELD

Farmers Warned To Reduce Acreage

Washington, Yesterday. The Federal Farm Board has warned cotton farmers to reduce their acreage this spring, if they wish the Government to assist the marketing of the 1930 crop. The Board declares that only the crop failure of Texas in 1929 prevented the total yield reaching 16,000,000 bales, which would have been more American cotton than the world would take at a fair price. A member of the Board said that the warning applied also to wheat, and any other commodity in which producers deliberately attempted to expand acreage to face production over.—Reuter's American Service.

RESCUE OF WOULD-BE SUICIDE

A Chinese youth named Chiu Cheung-chau (18) was alleged to have attempted suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the Yau-mat ferry launch Man Shun whilst in midstream bound for Hong Kong yesterday afternoon. He was rescued by a seaman of the launch, named Leung Teat-yau, and on the vessel's arrival in Hong Kong the Police removed the lad to the Government Civil Hospital.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT

The game of "ngau pai" was mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when fifteen Chinese were charged with gambling in a house in Woosung Street. Seven absentees and their balls of \$3 each attended. The first defendant was fined \$50 or one month's jail for keeping and running the "school," while the rest were fined \$2 or 4 days' jail for playing.

The money gathered \$674 (H.K.) and 22 cents (Chinese money) was ordered to be confiscated as well as the paraphernalia.

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